

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 22, 30-31 and 37. Claims 1-14 were previously canceled. Currently amended claims are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough text~~. New claims 38-49 have been added. No new matter is added by this amendment.

1.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving at a personal identification device a public key;

sending an identifier from the personal identification device to a party based on the public key, the identifier being uniquely associated with the personal identification device; and

receiving at the personal identification device a digital certificate from the party based on the identifier, the personal identification device configured to enroll biometric data after the receiving the public key and after the receiving the digital certificate., and

disabling functionality within the personal identification device after the receiving the digital certificate until biometric data associated with enrollment is received.

16 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising sending the public key from the personal identification device to the party after the receiving the public key.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the receiving the digital certificate from the party is based on the public key and the identifier.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the identifier is associated with an asymmetric key pair including a personal identification device public key and a personal identification device private key.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising producing the identifier at the personal identification device.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising receiving at the personal identification device the identifier from the party.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the digital certificate includes the public key.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
 - sending a public key to a personal identification device;
 - receiving an identifier from the personal identification device, the identifier being uniquely associated with the personal identification device;

producing a digital certificate based on the identifier and independent of biometric data;

and

sending the digital certificate to the personal identification device such that the personal identification device is configured to enroll initial biometric data after the receiving the digital certificate.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the producing of the digital certificate is based, at least in part, on the public key.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the receiving and the producing is performed by a first party, the method further comprising:

receiving at the first party a digital certificate uniquely associated with a second party different from the first party;

adding a public key of the first party to the digital certificate associated with the second party; and

sending the digital certificate associated with the second party from the first party to the second party.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the digital certificate includes the public key.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising producing at the party an asymmetric key pair uniquely associated with the party.

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory configured to store biometric data of a user;

a processor coupled to the memory and configured to produce a first identifier based on a public key associated with a first party, the first identifier being uniquely associated with the apparatus, the processor configured to disable functionality associated with sending biometric data after a digital certificate is received and before biometric data associated with enrollment is received;

a biometric sensor coupled to the processor and configured to read biometric input from the user; and

a ~~transmitter~~transceiver coupled to the processor and configured to transmit the first identifier to the first party and a second identifier to a second party different from the first party, the second identifier being uniquely associated with the biometric input, the transceiver being configured to receive the digital certificate.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the biometric sensor is a fingerprint sensor configured to read a fingerprint from the user.

30.-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the ~~transmitter is~~transceiver includes a radio frequency (RF) transmitter.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising a visual display coupled to the processor.

34. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
receiving an encryption identifier at a personal identification device from a party; and
receiving a digital signature at the personal identification device from the party,
the encryption identifier and the digital signature collectively configured to enable
verification of the personal identification device by the party, the personal identification device
configured to enroll biometric data after the receiving the encryption identifier and after the
receiving the digital signature; and
disabling functionality within the personal identification device after the receiving the
digital signature and before biometric data associated with enrollment is received.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein:
the encryption identifier is a public key; and
the receiving the digital signature including receiving a digital certificate including the
digital signature.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein:
the encryption identifier is a public key; and
the receiving the digital signature including receiving a digital certificate including the
digital signature based on the public key.

37. (Canceled)

38. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the party is a manufacturer of the personal identification device and separate from an enrollment party authorized to enable enrollment of the biometric data at the personal identification device.

39. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the party is a first party, the personal identification device being configured to enroll the biometric data from a second party different from the first party after the receiving at the personal identification device the digital certificate.

40. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the digital certificate includes data associated with the personal identification device and excludes biometric data.

41. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the public key is associated with a manufacturer of the personal identification device and separate from an enrollment party authorized to enable enrollment of the biometric data at the personal identification device.

42. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the personal identification device is configured to enroll the initial biometric data from an enrollment authority after the sending the digital certificate.

43. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the producing the digital certificate is based on data associated with the personal identification device and excluding biometric data.

44. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the transceiver is configured to receive the digital certificate from the first party.

45. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the first party is a manufacturer of the apparatus, the second party is an enrollment authority of the biometric data.

46. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the digital certificate includes data associated with the apparatus and excludes biometric data.

47. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the party is a manufacturer of the personal identification device.

48. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the party is a first party, the personal identification device being configured to enroll biometric data from a second party different from the first party after the receiving the encryption identifier and after receiving the digital certificate.

49. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein the digital signature includes data associated with the personal identification device and excludes biometric data.